

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**  
The oldest son of Marshall MacMahon has just left St. Cyr, and will enter the infantry. "That modest air of the service which is good for nothing but to win battles."

As old season returning on Thursday from receiving his pension, was set upon by highwaymen and murdered. Perhaps it might be well to state that this happened in Massachusetts, and not in an "unreconstructed" Southern State.

At the special election held in New Jersey, on Tuesday, to vote on amendments to the Constitution, the sectarian school interest was overwhelmingly defeated. The amendments which would unify the school system were adopted by about twenty five thousand unopposed.

The Hon. William Allen does not seem to be popular in the Ohio Penitentiary. They polled the convicts of that institution a day or two ago, with the following result: Hayes, 29; Allen, 6. Cary was not voted on. Maybe William has not met their views in the matter of pardons.

The Reformed Episcopal Church is rapidly gaining ground in the negroes in the South. In South Carolina six congregations have been organized, all in small territory, having an aggregate of five hundred and thirty-nine members. Those churches are all under the charge of Rev. P. F. Stevens, who left two white parishes for the purpose.

JERREBRO DAMS couldn't accept Mr. James Repdath's offer of a pension on a specified date. It is quite probable he will speak there at some other time during the next three months. In response to the assurance that he would receive a respectful reception in Boston, he wrote: "I did not do the justice of Boston the injustice of supposing they would do otherwise than listen quietly so far as they could to hear anyone who had been so long in the States would be offensive to his audience, would be wanting in judgment as in good breeding."

The Ohio election will take place Tuesday, October 12, four weeks from to-morrow. The eyes of the whole nation are on the Buckeye State, knowing that the issues are of paramount importance, knowing that sooner or later the same questions will be met by other States and by the whole country. Both parties are doing their utmost to attract popular attention by the use of the most effective means possible. The issues are the financial—by raising the Catholic question and storming about the Gellan bill. This is cowardly and shows that the party of the bondholders is in a desperate strait, compelled to use any and every means for relief.

General C. P. BUCKINGHAM, who was on special duty at the War Department at the time General McClellan was removed from command of the army of the Potomac, has written a letter to the Chicago Tribune, contradicting statements made in the account of that transaction given by the Count of Paris. General Buckingham says that on the evening of November 6 he was sent for by the Secretary of War, whom he found in consultation with Gen. Halleck. The Secretary gave him two envelopes, one of which contained two orders for General McClellan, one from the President relieving him from command, and the other from General Halleck ordering him to a town in New Jersey to report. The other envelope contained two orders for General Burnside, one from the President assigning him to the command of the army, and the other from General Halleck ordering him to submit plans. The Secretary gave as his reason for removing General McClellan that he had no confidence in his military skill, and that he had no confidence in his orders. General Burnside declined to accept the command on account of want of confidence in himself, and because of his friendly relations to General McClellan. He yielded to arguments, however, and accepted.

The *Courier-Journal*, referring to the unfortunate affair at Clinton, Miss., says: "The loss of the Mississippi, of course, is a great blow to the mill. The Cincinnati *Enquirer* writes with a characteristic glow of pious satisfaction. The *Inter-Ocean* is ecstatic. The *Buffalo Express* may tear its little paper to tatters. Let Morton rejoice and Logan fill the air with a resounding thanksgiving. To the soul of your life Radical there is nothing so comforting as a death in the arms of the farmers of Williamson county, Illinois; the maltreated people of Crawford county, Indiana; the beaten and maimed women and children of the Pennsylvania mining districts, are nothing to the high priests of the peculiar faith professed by the promoters and seekers of disturbance at the South. Their missionary labors are foreign and domestic. They are moved out by the misery which may be seen from afar. Their charity begins at a distance, and is exhausted before it reaches home."

DETAILS in regard to the great church being built in Chicago for Moody are given by the papers there. It was commenced in 1873, but Moody's long stay in England and the hard times that followed the panic of that year caused a cessation of the work, which has just been recommenced. The church will be a plain but massive structure, with a seating capacity for four thousand people. There will be a lecture room with seats for a thousand, and the basement will comprise dining rooms and a kitchen.

One of the noticeable events of the times is the decrease of the number of immigrants arriving in the United States from Europe. The arrivals in New York in August, 1874, when immigration had already been checked to some extent by the panic, were 15,427, while in August, 1875, they only numbered 8,568, a decline of 6,859. The shores of this country are sought at all times by some of the toil-laden children of Europe, who hope to find more comfortable homes, but the magnitude of the emigration movement largely depends upon the condition of

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